

POLYCRONICON IS SOLD FOR \$8,000

Ralph Higden's Chronicle of England Brings High Figure at Hoe Sale.

\$39,504 IS DAY'S TOTAL

Receipts from Library to Date, Including Sale Last Spring, Are \$1,226,389.75.

Polycronicon came in with the most money yesterday at the afternoon session of the sale of the library of the late Robert Hoe. The worthy Ralph Higden, who had written this Chronicle of England, and William Caxton, who had printed it, had been on earth they would have taken great joy in the \$8,000 yielded by this mellow old tome. George D. Smith was the buyer.

The sales of the early session aggregated \$24,065.50, while last evening the amount of \$15,287.99 brought the total for the day to \$39,504. Part 2 of the library, the dispersal of which is to be concluded next week, has brought \$229,024.25 to date. The entire amount realized so far, including the enormous returns from part 1 sold last spring, is \$1,226,389.75.

It was learned last night that so extensive are the works of reference concerning the history of books merely as books which this library contains that there will be a part V devoted especially to bibliography.

Many books of the hour were sold at the evening session, the most costly bearing date of 1512, being acquired on the initial bid of \$1,100 by Mr. Bernard Quaritch, of London.

Arthur Hoe, son of the founder of the library, and George S. Hellman, who represented Isaac N. Sellman, who owns the old home of the author, vied with each other for the Washington Irving manuscript. Many of them went to Mr. Hellman.

For a very early manuscript journal written in 1805, when the writer, then a delicate youth, was taking a voyage for his health, Mr. Hellman gave \$300. For a notebook his successful bid was \$750.

Largest of the transactions of the afternoon session was the disposition of the "Polycronicon," compiled by Ralph Higden and printed by William Caxton. The venerable abbot had set forth the chronicles of England in order, imitating in humble and reverent fashion the style of the Scriptures. That the work was in demand in its time is indicated by the fact that Caxton had printed from his own translation, as shown by the colophon.

George D. Smith started the "Polycronicon" at \$1,000, and there was a series of bids by other dealers, which forced him finally to give \$8,000 for it.

WHAT WOMEN FIND IN THE SHOPS

One of the best values noticed in women's hose is one shown by John Daniel Sons & Sons. A pair of guaranteed black silk hose, with double heel, toes and double soles, may be purchased at this store for the special price of \$1.25. Black lisle-thread hose in gauge, medium or heavy weights are priced at thirty-five cents the pair, or three pairs for \$1.

The plush coat promises to remain in vogue for several seasons to come and a good opportunity to buy one at a bargain should not be lost. A coat of fine velvet plush, silk lined and fur trimmed, with a narrow collar and cuffs or racoon, was noticed at Oppenheim, Collins & Co.'s market to sell for \$30.

Quite the latest thing in men's hats is the "De Marville," a new derby. This hat is distinctive as to both form and crown. The crown is broad and straight with a new curl effect and the crown is flatter, narrower and longer than common. The hat is shown by John Wanamaker and is priced at \$20.

Evening clothes for the man should embody all the latest details which fashion demands, but should be so carefully tailored as to not quite overlook the lines of good form. Such a suit imparts a true sheen of the hour appearance. A suit which conforms to all of these requirements was noticed at William Vogel & Son's, priced at the exceedingly low figure of \$35.50.

An opportunity to purchase an excellent coat of the latest style and made of fine fabric, at a bargain figure, is presented by Mine, Irons in a special sale for which she has cut all prices one-half.

This is really the best time at which to purchase a fur lined coat, for the merchants have lowered their prices in order to avoid carrying stock over until another season, and a good coat will keep perfectly during the summer and still be stylish next winter. An exceptionally good buy in this line is a broadcloth shell coat, lined with natural muskrat and trimmed with a wide, shawl collar of whole skin Persian lamb, which is offered by Saks & Co. for \$33.50.

With the chills and rains which must surely come with spring weather one does not want to be without an umbrella. A fine bargain in an umbrella of imported heavy will silk with a handsome gun metal handle is placed at \$3 at Gimbel Brothers. The umbrella is a real \$6 value.

Roosters, Snakes and Men Are Useless Animals, Women Decide

Mrs. John Fowler Trow, as Justice of the Peace at "Town Meeting" of the Post Parliament, so Rules When "Protest Is Made Against Banishing of Pets."

Roosters, snakes and men are unnecessary animals, according to the decision rendered by the "Justice of the Peace," impersonated by Mrs. John Fowler Trow, president of the Post Parliament, which held a mock "town meeting" yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Furthermore, it was decided by the thirty women representing the leading politicians, authorities and taxpayers of an imaginary town that something should be done to get rid of the trio belonging to the group of unnecessary creatures.

Justice Trow had called the meeting for the purpose of deciding upon some action in regard to the harboring of pet animals. An ordinance to get rid of them had been passed already by the town authorities, and the thirty representatives yesterday held a protest meeting.

Anticipating trouble, several of the constables, who were bright red snakes across lace trimmed gowns, added policemen's night sticks and officers' badges to their make-up in order to subdue the unruly. The sticks were effective toward the conclusion of the meeting, when it was suggested by Mrs. J. Hedges Crowell, a constable with an unusually large stick, that they serve the newspaper reporters, because one man had smiled at a feminine joke.

Brandished the Night Sticks. The night sticks were brandished from belts and brandished in the air while the two factions in the town meeting poured forth volleys of words. Justice Trow came to the rescue of the reporters.

"If the press would like to use my photograph I have one here in my bag," volunteered Mrs. Doris Lyon, a widow and a taxpayer.

"This body decides against harboring useless and disturbing animals, such as roosters, snakes and men," declared the tax collector.

"But are roosters and snakes animals?" inquired a constable.

"Of course, they are. Don't they belong to the animal kingdom?" replied the justice.

"But what am I to do with those who object to having their pets taken from them?" inquired Constable Crowell. "Am I to arrest a woman if she kicks?"

"That depends on the height of the kick," put in Mrs. Francis Cronise, Overseer of the Poor.

"Isn't the height of a kick a subject

was installed as secretary of the organization. She is the first woman to be master of the Grange. At last night's meeting the strangers addressed her by that title.

GIRL VICE PRESIDENT OF JUNIOR REPUBLIC

Miss Lottie Lockwood Takes Oath at Annual Ceremonies at Freeville, N. Y.—Succeeds Boy.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] FREEVILLE, N. Y., Friday.—Succeeding a boy in office, Miss Lottie Lockwood, of Hartford Mills, N. Y., was inaugurated today vice president of the George Junior Republic, and afterward joined the newly elected president, Arthur Staley, of Buffalo, in a grand gathering of citizens the policies of her administration.

Thomas Mott Osborne administered the oath of office to Miss Lockwood and to Mr. Staley. The vice president was accompanied to the altar of the chapel by Carroll Moore, of Mottville, N. Y., who held the office last year.

After the inaugural ceremonies the new administration and others in the republic rested for the annual ball, which was held this evening.

Suffrage Campaign in New Jersey. MONTCLAIR, N. J., Friday.—At a meeting of the State Committee of the New Jersey woman's suffrage party held here today plans were adopted to spread the propaganda throughout the State. One of the features will be a house to house canvass in Newark. One hundred members of the party in Newark have volunteered for the work, and thirty of the Montclair Equal Suffrage League, which has a membership of 170, will aid in the canvass.

To Introduce Suffragist Bill. Assemblyman Peter H. James, of Jersey City, the only unmarried man in Hudson county's legislative delegation, has announced his intention to introduce a bill granting women the right to vote. He vouchsafed no other explanation for his action than that he has been requested to do so by several of his colleagues whose wives have asked them to do it.

Mr. Joseph Conrad has written a new novel, "Chance," especially for the Sunday NEW YORK HERALD, which will publish the first installment on January 21. See to-morrow's SUNDAY HERALD for an article about this master of romance and his work.

Life Is "Master." LIVINGSTON, N. J., Friday.—Mrs. August Fund was installed last night as master of the Livingston Grange. Her husband

HERE'S THE CAUSE OF EQUITABLE FIRE

Every Time Miss Carroll Seeks Luxury Something Happens—Bought a Couch, Then Disaster.

One of those who lost in the burning of the Equitable Building was Miss Eleanor M. Carroll, a public stenographer. Miss Carroll had had an office there for ten years. She said yesterday that all of her records and a number of personal effects were lost.

"I blame it on a couch I bought," said Miss Carroll, who lives at No. 232 West Fourteenth street. "Every time I get some luxury, something I do not really need, something happens to take it away."

"When the superintendent of the building advised me to get a couch, so that I might rest in some of my slack time, I said it seemed like tempting Providence, but I never thought of fire; otherwise I would have had my things insured. The woman from whom I bought the business had been in the building for fifteen years and nothing ever happened, she said, so she dropped the insurance she had."

Miss Carroll came to New York from Minneapolis. There she was deputy clerk in the United States Court. She has tried, since the Equitable fire, to place herself in some office building down town, but has failed, as all the desirable buildings are served. It was impossible to get together her old clientele again, she said.

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What do you think we are in politics for?" demanded the Collector of Taxes, Mrs. William R. Stewart. "For our health."

"When we enter politics we do so for the good of the individual. If that individual happens to be one's self—"

"But, Your Honor, in New York State politics is having your pet taken away from you with each other," interrupted Mrs. Gerard Bancker, a taxpayer. "Now in Massachusetts, where I came from, principle is everything. Everybody has a bank account."

"Your Honor, I move that we send a vote of thanks to those city authorities in New York who succeeded in putting women in their right place by not letting her act as a deputy sheriff," said the supervisor.

The motion was carried and the protest against the ordinance affecting pets was laid on the table.

Among other participating in the town meeting were Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour, Supervisor; Mrs. William Demarest, Clerk of the Court; Mrs. William B. Stewart, Tax Collector; Mrs. Frank Crowell, and Mrs. Andrew Deane, Tax Collector's assistants; Mrs. Park J. White, Mrs. Mordecai Menken and Mrs. William Arrow-smith, Commissioners of Highways; Mrs. Edward J. Tuttle, Mrs. Daniel Duffie, Mrs. William O. McDonalds and Mrs. Duane H. Clement, constables.

FIRE CONSUMES ICE WAGON. Policeman Finds Warm Hope on a Cold Day.

Although it was one of the coldest days of the year, an ice wagon, owned by the Merchants' Union Ice Company, caught fire yesterday afternoon in front of No. 515 West Twenty-fifth street, and was consumed with its contents. By the time the fire department apparatus reached the scene another wagon, just a butcher's wagon, next to it was on fire, but it was saved. Boys had started straw burning in the back of the ice wagon to warm themselves.

"This shows," said Policeman Schlusing, who were earnestly and warmed his hands over the embers, "that somewhere, somehow, some place there is hope on a day like this."

Yesterday's Fires. Fires recorded yesterday were: 11:45 P. M., No. 52 101st street; Max Sabot; trifling. 1 A. M., No. 233 East 101st street; Morris Aronson; \$50. 1:20 A. M., No. 87 Bowers; Fleischer's restaurant; \$50. 4:13 A. M., No. 74 East 111th street; J. T. Travers; \$200. 6:35 A. M., No. 287 Seventh avenue; owner unknown; \$25. 7:45 A. M., No. 129 East Ninetieth street; Henry Robertson; \$2,000. 10:25 A. M., No. 260 Brook avenue; Alexander Cohen; \$1,000. 10:28 A. M., No. 367 Third avenue; Jake Schleifer; trifling. 11:25 A. M., No. 77 East Seventh street; Emmanuel Blum; slight. 11:40 A. M., Broadway, between 150th and 160th streets; Hebrew Sheltering and Guardian Society; \$3,000. 12:30 P. M., No. 121 West Twenty-sixth street; Paul Argon; none. 1:45 P. M., foot of East Thirtieth street; Department of Street Cleaning; trifling. 2:30 P. M., No. 71 East 115th street; Max Edelman; trifling. 4 P. M., No. 123 Chambers street; unknown; no damage. 4:30 P. M., No. 77 Norfolk street; Mary Siegel; \$50. 5:05 P. M., No. 3 East 117th street; Mary Smith; \$100. 5:05 P. M., No. 155 Kelly street; Gross & Herman; trifling. 5:35 P. M., No. 261 Tenth avenue; Merchants' Union Ice Company; \$350. 6:30 P. M., No. 25 West Fifteenth street; Imperial Thread Company; \$5,000. 6:45 P. M., No. 782 First avenue; Peter Curran; no damage. 6:45 P. M., No. 124 Eldridge street; Samuel Elismack; trifling. 6:50 P. M., 118th street and Eighth avenue; Interborough Railroad Company; \$2,000. 7:18 P. M., No. 425 West Fifty-third street; M. Mark; \$100. 7:15 P. M., No. 525 West Fortieth street; Dennis Gallagher; \$10.

Equitable Ruins Dangerous, Searchers To Be Barred

Experts Declare Walls Are Menace to Life and Court Will Be Asked to Permit Shutting Off the Premises.

That the ruins of the Equitable Life Building, at No. 120 Broadway, are in a very dangerous condition, and that it is unsafe to work there until the north, south and west walls have been torn down, was the conclusion reached by a committee of experts yesterday. As the police have found it impossible to keep representatives of banking firms and lawyers who had offices in the building from penetrating the ruins in the hope of recovering valuable papers an application will be made to the Supreme Court to-day for an order prohibiting anybody from entering the ruins without a permit from the Department of Buildings. Any disobedience of this order, Superintendent Miller announced yesterday, will be followed by a prosecution.

The committee that examined the building yesterday consisted of Alfred Ludwig, assistant superintendent of the Department of Buildings; George B. Stoughton, of the American Institute of Architects; and J. C. Givart, representing the Equitable Society. While the examination was going on 125 men of the Thompson-Starrett wrecking crew and a score of clerks were delving in the ruins. The committee declared that the lives of everyone of these men was in grave danger.

The danger on the north side of the building is that the wall, which is almost two feet off plumb, will collapse. Yesterday's examination indicated that this wall, if it falls at all, will topple inward. As no men are working at that end of the building, the chief source of apprehension is that the shock of the fall will demolish the vaults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, which, in spite of the strain to which they have been subjected, are believed to be intact.

Big Cracks in Walls. Conditions found at the south end of the building determined the committee to prevent any further working in the ruins for the present. There are huge cracks in the south and west walls, and these have become noticeably larger in the last forty-eight hours. It also has been discovered that the upright beams in the building are old fashioned iron castings, the tops or knees, of which support steel beams. These knees have cracked under the strain, and at present are all that is holding up tons of debris. If they yield to the pressure the committee believes that the life of every man in the building at the time would be sacrificed.

At the present time the third floor of the building on the Pine street side is holding up many tons of steel, iron and wood. If anything beneath the third floor gives way all of this will be precipitated into the ruins.

Inspector Judge, of the Building Department, who accompanied the committee, said last night that the situation was far more dangerous than was imagined, and that it was absolutely criminal to allow men to work in the building in the circumstances.

As soon as Superintendent Miller heard of conditions he wrote to Police Commissioner Waldo yesterday asking that the police keep everybody except the wreckers out of the building. Commissioner Waldo issued an order to this effect immediately, but the police at the ruins admitted they were having a difficult time keeping clerks and private detectives out.

All effort to find the body of Battalion Chief Walsh was abandoned for the time being yesterday. A glove and a button which are believed to have belonged to the dead fireman were found in the ruins on the third floor yesterday, but no trace of the body was discovered.

In view of the official declaration of the Equitable Society that it has not considered rebuilding, considerable comment was caused yesterday by a circular sent out to the society's agents over the signature of Judge W. A. Day, Wednesday morning, containing this statement: "The material loss sustained will be trifling, for we had already concluded to remove the building in the near future, in order that a remunerative structure of steel and concrete might be erected in its place. Twenty stories could be erected on its place."

"This is a mistake," said E. E. Rittenberg, the Equitable's conservation commissioner yesterday. "What we meant by this statement was that the directors had considered the idea of rebuilding on the old site, before the fire. They had not reached any conclusion whatever, and the matter of a new home office is still up in the air."

Gerard R. Brown, controller of the Equitable, announced yesterday that an inspection of the big second floor vault of the society had proved that it was intact and its contents safe. The exact amount of securities in the vault, said Mr. Brown, is \$23,236,830, included in which is \$16,000,000 in stocks, which the society has been able to dispose of advantageously since the passage of the Armstrong law.

Daughter of Victim Visits Ruins. Anita Neiler, nineteen-year-old daughter of Francis Joseph Neiler, the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company's watchman, whose body is buried in the ruins, visited the scene of the fire yesterday with Chaplain McGeen, of the Fire Department. The girl said that neither she nor her mother could be satisfied that her father was dead until one of them had visited the building. When the girl had viewed the scene for a few moments she burst into tears and said there was no doubt that her father was dead. The wife and daughter of John Campion, another victim of the fire, also visited the ruins yesterday with Father McGeen.

Accounts of the fire which continued until the firemen reported that the flames were under control and all danger was passed. Reports gained currency in Washington Heights that lives were lost in the fire, and within a few minutes a thousand men and women were massed in the locality. Police Captain Kreischer, of the West 150th street station, with twenty-four policemen, maintained a fire line and kept traffic off Broadway for two hours.

Six children were in the detention ward of the institution, and arrangements for their removal were made but later abandoned. It was found that three dormitories were destroyed, and as a result outside accommodations for one hundred and fifty children had to be temporarily obtained. Superintendent Bernier said that the management of the Montefiore Institution and Hebrew Orphan Asylum, on Washington Heights had signified their willingness to house the children until other arrangements could be made. These offers were accepted.

The buildings recently were sold to a realty firm, the society having purchased other property at Pleasantville, N. Y., which will be the new site of the asylum after May 1 next.

HALIFAX HAS \$300,000 FIRE. Plant of the Herald Is Consumed in Blaze Fanned by Gale.

HALIFAX, N. S., Friday.—Fire which broke out early to-day in a dry goods establishment in Barrington street caused a loss of \$300,000 and gave the firemen the hardest battle of many years. Owing to a forty mile gale which was blowing across the city the blaze threatened for a time to wipe out a large part of the town.

The chief loss is the Halifax Herald, whose five story granite building was destroyed.

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ENEMIES MISSING, FEAR DEATH BATTLE

Police, Seeking Henry Murphy and William Devine, Hear Former Got Letters from Latter's Wife.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Harry Murphy, of No. 22 First avenue, and William Devine, of No. 23 West Forty-seventh street. Police of two stations who are investigating have been informed that the men had been enemies for a long time. Friends of the men hint at foul play. Some venture the opinion that the men met and went to a wharf to settle their troubles in prize ring fashion. In the struggle, they think, both fell overboard and were drowned.

Letters were written to Murphy by Mrs. Florence Devine, wife of William Devine.

Murphy, it is said, received a letter telling him that Devine was going to "do him up" with an ice pick, and suggesting that he "lay for" Devine some morning before dawn while he was driving his ice cart and "do him good."

The police were asked to investigate Murphy's disappearance by his sister, Mrs. Loreta Davis, wife of a keeper in the Tombs Prison. Mrs. Davis, at her home yesterday, said that in the last two years she had burned many letters sent to her brother by Mrs. Devine. She still has many post cards.

A letter received by Murphy August 10, 1911, and signed "Friend Florence," was as follows: "I write to let you know that that party is always casting you up to me. If you want to catch him you can do so between three and four o'clock in the morning; but look out for the ice pick, as he swears if he ever sees you he will stick you in the heart with it."

"My brother received a severe beating about a week before he disappeared the night before Christmas," said Mrs. Davis. "Some one called my brother on the telephone and he went out. That was the last of his family has seen of him. I believe he has met with foul play."

Mrs. Devine said last night that she had written to Murphy. She said she had led a discordant life with her husband, and had met Murphy when her husband had left her. He is her second husband. She had not seen him since December 4 last, she said.

Bizarre dancing has captured New York. It affords material for a timely and novel article in to-morrow's SUNDAY HERALD.

FIREMAN RESCUES HIS OWN FAMILY

Henry Early, Responding to Alarm, Finds His Own Apartment Is Ablaze.

When Hook and Ladder Company No. 13, in East Eighty-seventh street, was called out at seven o'clock yesterday morning for a blaze in the flat house at No. 129 East Ninetieth street, Henry Early, one of the firemen, was horrified to see smoke pouring from the windows of the fourth floor apartment in which his wife and two children were asleep.

He dashed into the building and carried his babies, who had been overcome by smoke, down a rear fire escape. His wife was rescued in the same manner. The six families living in the three upper floors were driven to the snow covered fire escapes in their night attire. Neighbors took them in and provided clothing and warm food. The three upper floors were swept by the fire and their contents destroyed.

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